

Statewide Parcel Data Workgroup Meeting Notes

8/26/15

National Life, 6th Floor, Calvin Coolidge Room, 1:00 – 2:30

Present: Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Ivan Brown, VCGI; Doug Farnham, Dept. of Taxes; Melissa Prindiville, ACCD; David Metraux, ACCD; Karen Horn, VLCT; Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Nina Safavi, VTrans; Ryan Cloutier, VTrans.

Agenda:

- Review updated ROI and maintenance plan documents and feedback received
- Report on meeting with VTrans' parcel team to discuss and review the parcel initiative with VTrans Deputy Secretary (Chris Cole).
- ACTION ITEMS:
 - Early September: Outreach to VLCT +Towns regarding ROI findings and potential maintenance plan scenarios – LEAD: VCGI with support from ACCD/DHCD + VTrans
 - Early September: Outreach to parcel data contractors regarding ROI findings and potential maintenance plan scenarios – LEAD: VCGI with support from VTrans
 - Mid September: Multi-Agency Leadership Meeting to discuss potential funding and next steps – LEAD: ACCD Leadership (Pat Moulton) will be working to organize this meeting.

Meeting Notes:

Melissa pointed out that the statewide parcel project should probably be added to the EGC business plan. Leslie will follow through with Steve Sharp.

Leslie asked for feedback on the revised ROI and Parcel Lifecycle documents from AppGeo that were posted at the EGC web site about a month ago.

Melissa noted a difference in cost estimate for "Data Collection" in the two different data maintenance models (shared responsibility and state responsibility) in the Parcel Lifecycle document. Leslie did her best to explain that the number is lower in the shared responsibility model because it represents collecting updated parcel data from towns and mapping contractors (fewer overall contacts) and in the state model it represents contacts with all towns about all individual changes to their data, clarifications, and follow-up, and is likely to involve more time/contact.

Doug pointed out that the shared responsibility model does not explicitly account for the time spent by town officials to manage the data creation/update project each of them would have with a mapping contractor. He did not suggest we include that, but wanted us to be aware that we are choosing to leave it out.

Doug also described that the recent changes to the Current Use program (easier withdrawal process) provide a good example of how having and using good boundary data (specifically parcels and portions of parcels enrolled in Current Use) would aid their efforts to deal with people removing portions of their properties from the program.

Nina, Ryan, and Johnathan reported on the meeting they had in August with Chris Cole (Deputy Secretary of VTrans) and Rich Tetraault (head of the Highways Division):

- They still want to know which other agencies are willing to provide financial support
- They asked whether the towns and VLCT have been engaged
- Who will lead this effort?
- Rich wants to meet with Noelle – he will set it up (Leslie mentioned that Kitty Sweet is the person to talk with to schedule anything with Noelle, Nina will pass that along)
- Charging for data/services? This discussion happened
- Public/Private partnership opportunities? Banking Title Insurance, Foresters, Surveyors...

Property Transfer Tax - sunset of clean water increase might offer opportunity? Karen warns that getting involved in the water stuff at all is a potential hornets' nest.

Doug mentioned that he might be able to secure funds to support the initial creation of statewide data as it would support their Current Use Modernization project.

Doug also mentioned that their new Property Transfer tax system will be live in about a year and it COULD require shapefile submission – this could feed into a data maintenance program.

John Adams (ACCD) did contact Karen about setting up an event of some kind to gather input from towns. They haven't actually connected yet.

Quick review of which agencies have talked about statewide parcel data at the executive level:

- VTrans – very supportive, have money to help fund initial creation
- ANR – very supportive, will probably be able to come up with some money
- ACCD – very supportive, no source of money, but willing to take on leadership role?
- Agriculture – very supportive, no source of money?

Hoping to set something up with :

- Health – waiting to hear back from Pete Young
- Public Service – Leslie contacted Asa Hopkins, will contact Chris Recchia directly since Asa is on vacation
- Taxes – Leslie set up a meeting with Gregg Mousley (Dept. Commissioner) and Doug Farnham on Sept. 8.
- Public Safety – Ivan is trying to set up meeting with Commissioner, initial meeting was canceled.
- E911 – I contacted Jeremy McMullen to ask about setting up a meeting with their E.D. Not sure it is worthwhile since I doubt they have any resources and they are in a state of flux. But perhaps just the issue support will be worthwhile.

Leslie will complete a draft of a project charter for review by this group in Sept. Melissa Prindiville has been helping Leslie with this document. We discussed who should be Executive Sponsor of this project, and it was decided that ACCD made the most sense, though other agencies and departments can likely provide vocal support when needed (VTrans, ANR, Taxes being the most likely).

Other Action Items:

- Leslie will work with David Metraux to talk with Pat Moulton and Noelle McKay about setting up a multi-agency leadership meeting ASAP.
- Leslie will contact ACCD legal counsel, Dale Azaria, to ask her about privacy/legal issues around GIS data.
- Leslie will contact Mapping Contractors to give/receive information and feedback about this project.